14 April 1982

His Excellency the Ambassador
Greek Embassy
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Your Excellency,

The situation of the 120,000-strong Muslim minority community in Western Thrace has been an unhappy one for a long time and has caused much concern. Reports reaching us of the current position are distressing.

Information which we have received recently indicates that the provisions of the Lausanne Treaty of 24 July 1923 are being disregarded by the Greek Government, property has been sequestrated and claimed by the State, and individuals have suffered harassment on account of their racial origins.

I therefore request Your Excellency, on behalf of the Islamic Council, to pass on this representation to your Government, in the hope that humanitarian considerations might prevail with regard to this section of the community.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam
Secretary General